

Washington State Department of Commerce

# **METH in Washington**

**Public Safety Unit**  
**Criminal Justice Section**

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**Department of Commerce**  
Innovation is in our nature.

# Drugs, Crime and Violence

**Drugs are related to crime in multiple ways.**

It is a **crime** to:

**use,**

**possess,**

**manufacture, or**

**distribute drugs**

**classified as having a potential for **abuse**.**

# Illicit Drugs

**There are many illicit drugs addressed  
by our drug task forces**

today this is an update on:  
METHAMPHETAMINE

# **What is a Drug Trafficking Organization?**

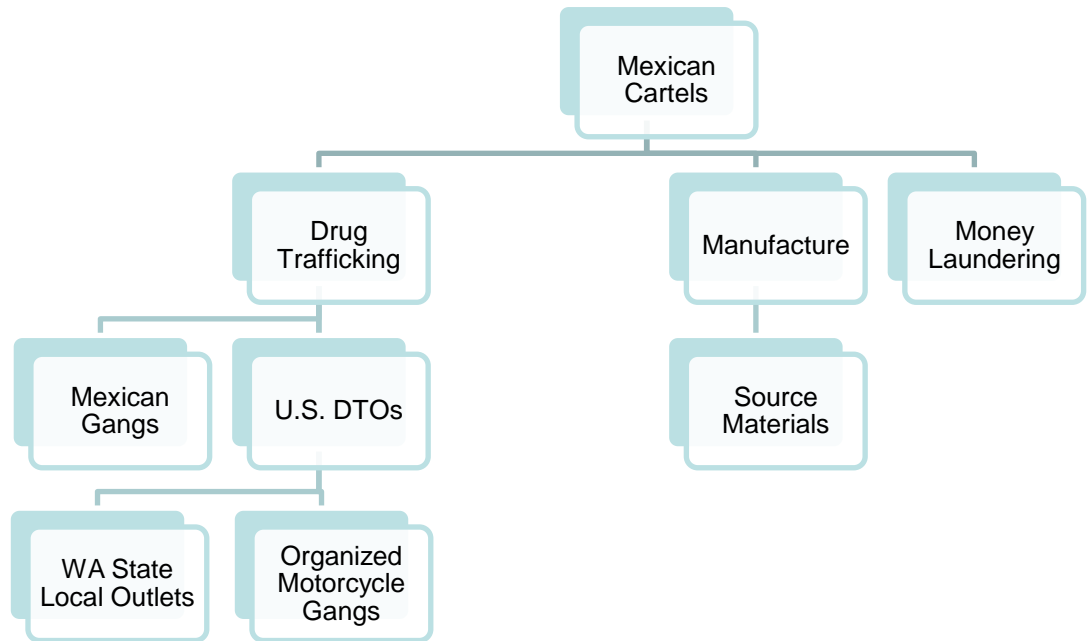
- **Uses business practices with a profit motive**
- **Is a criminal organization**
- **Criminal activities:**
  - **drug and sex trafficking**
  - **money laundering**
  - **criminal violence**
  - **Destructive neighborhood values**

# Criminal Drug Organizations

Drug Trafficking Organizations

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Organized Criminal Gangs  
are the  
two sides of the same  
crime coin.



# **Criminal Organization's Business Plan**

- **Theft**
- **Assaults**
- **Property Crimes**
- **Drug sales**
- **Auto Theft**
- **Armed Assault**
- **Prostitution**
- **Invasion / Burglary**
- **Financial Fraud**
- **Weapons Trafficking**

# What is a Drug Task Force?

- 1. Works in groups of 4 or more**
- 2. Uses common drug enforcement best practices**
- 3. Dismantles criminal organizations and disrupts drug trafficking**



# Drug Task Forces

The mission of the **Byrne Drug Task Forces** is to target mid to upper level drug violators, reduce drug availability and trafficking in Washington State, thereby improving the quality of life in our communities.

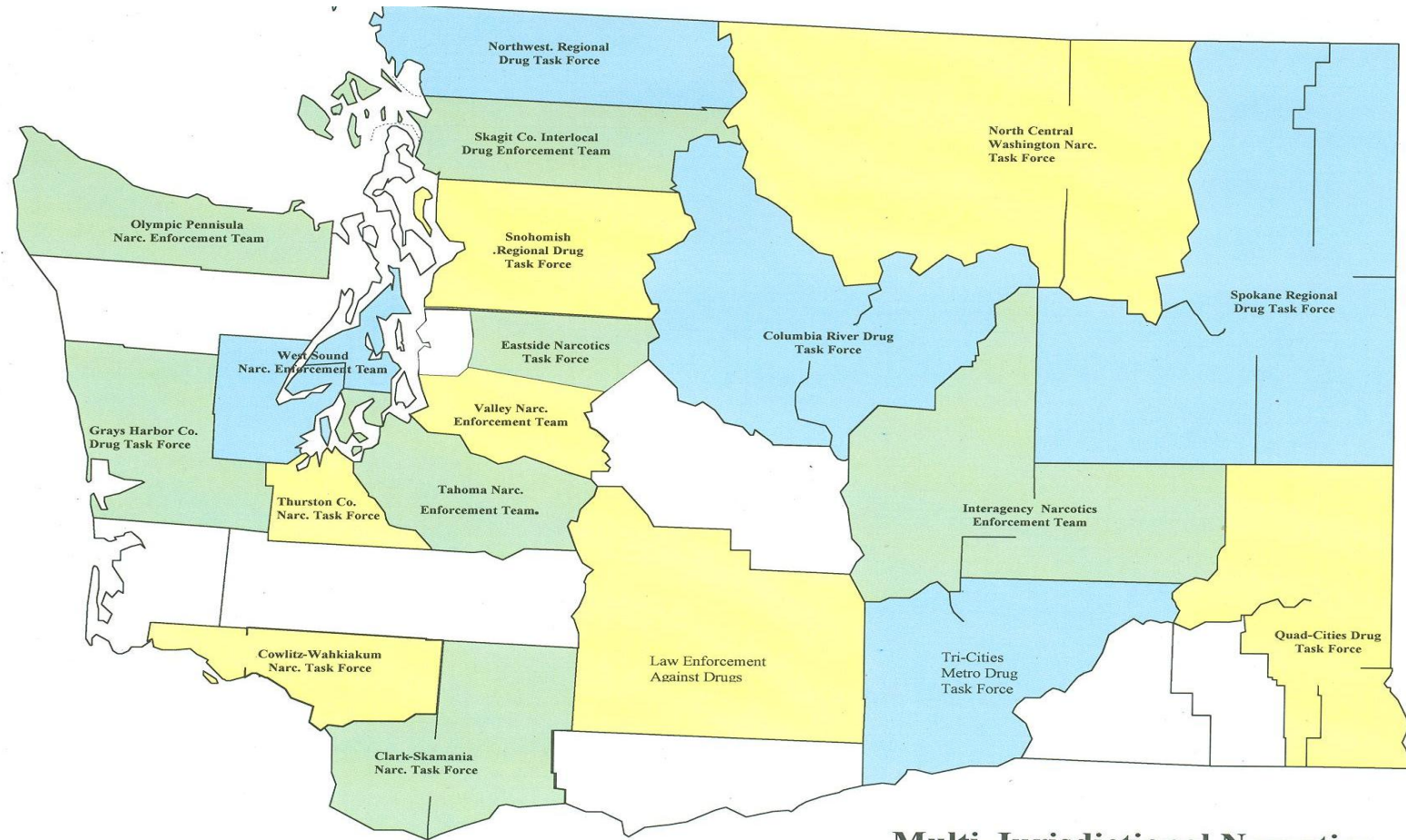
**Reduce Drug  
Traffickers**

**Prosecute Drug  
Offenders**

**Enhance Local  
Cooperation**

**Promote Safe  
Communities**





## Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force Program

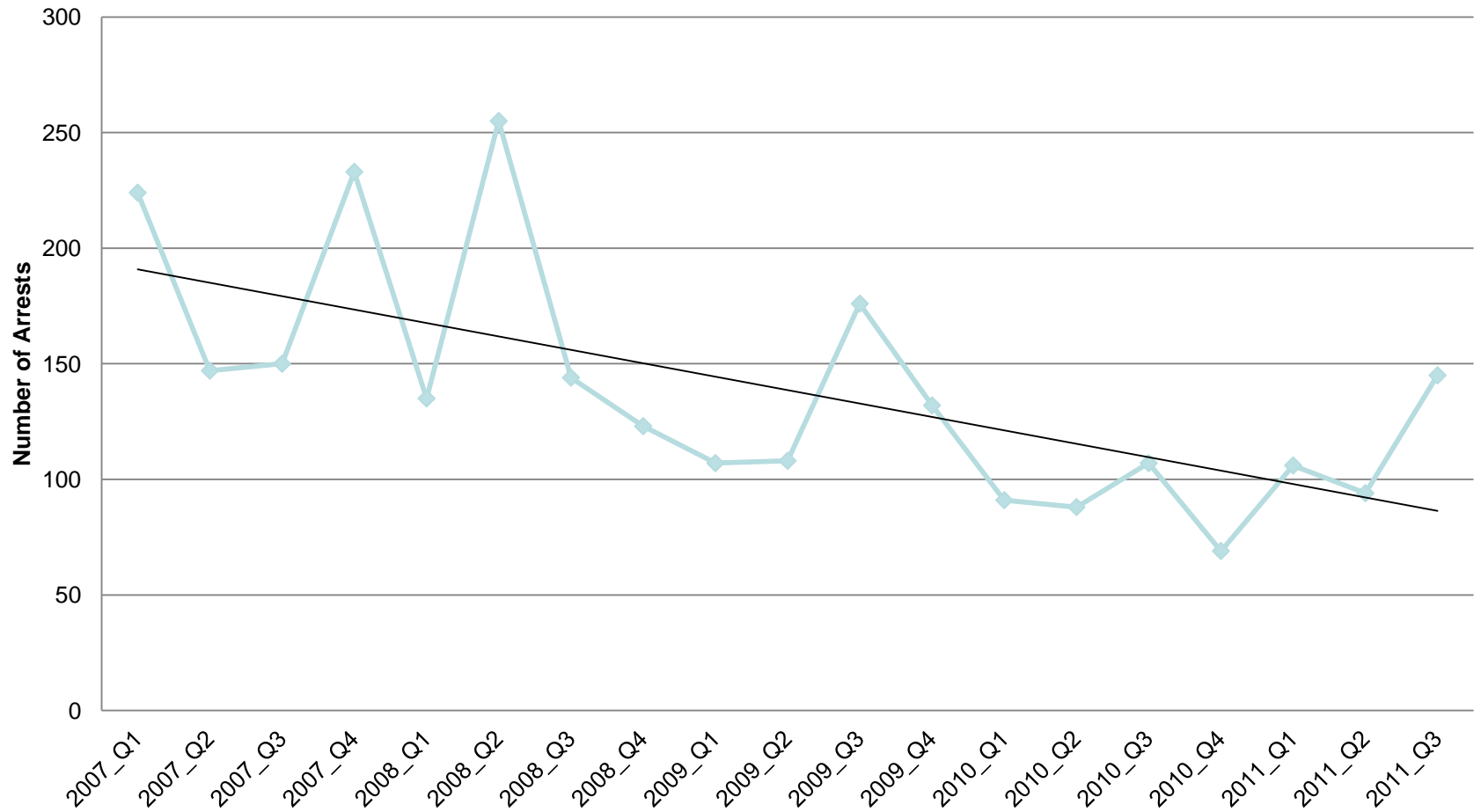
### Drug Task Force Areas of Coverage

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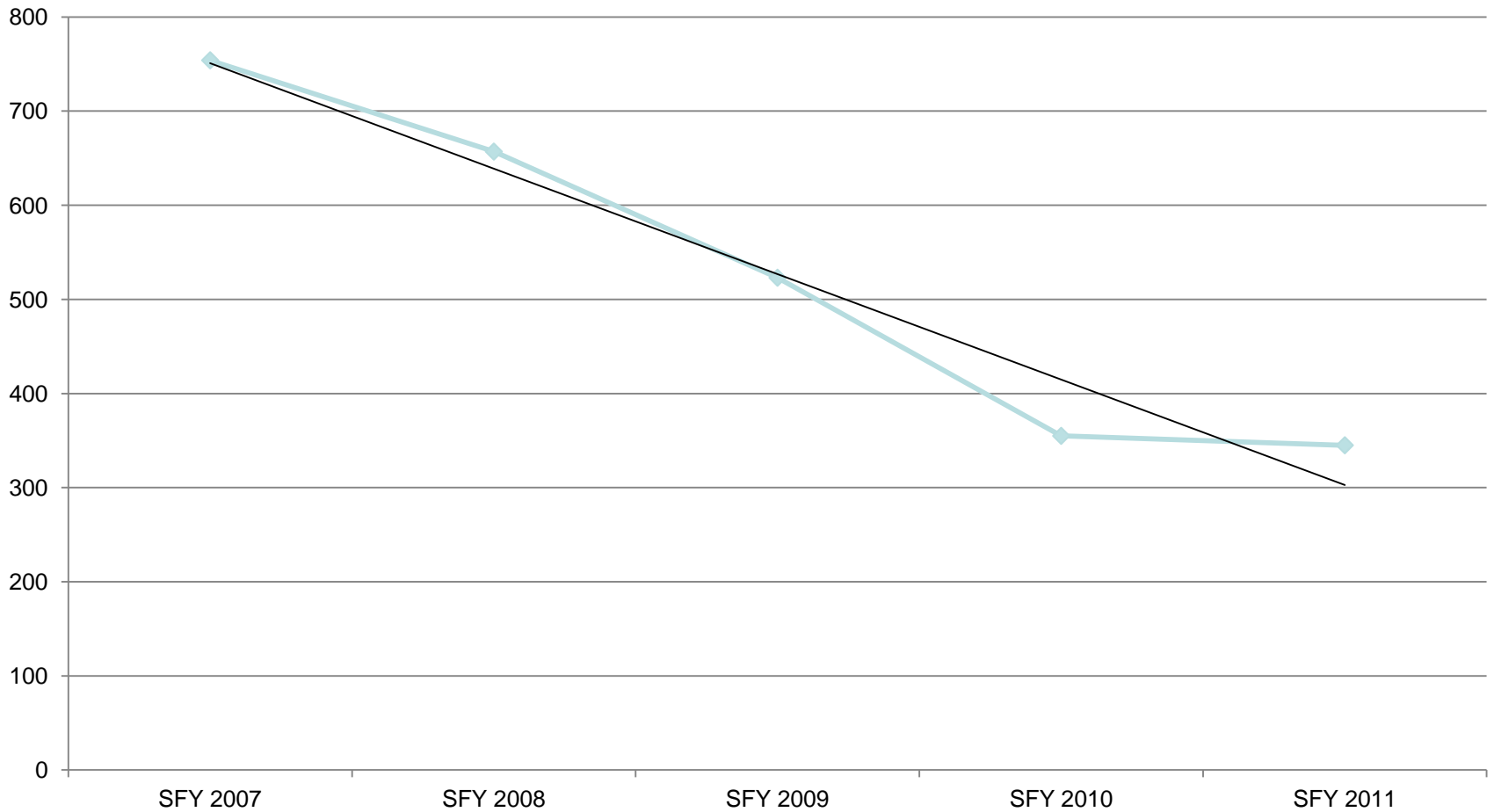
41 of 49 Legislative Districts; all 9 Congressional Districts;

28 of the 39 Counties, and; 94.74% of the state's total population

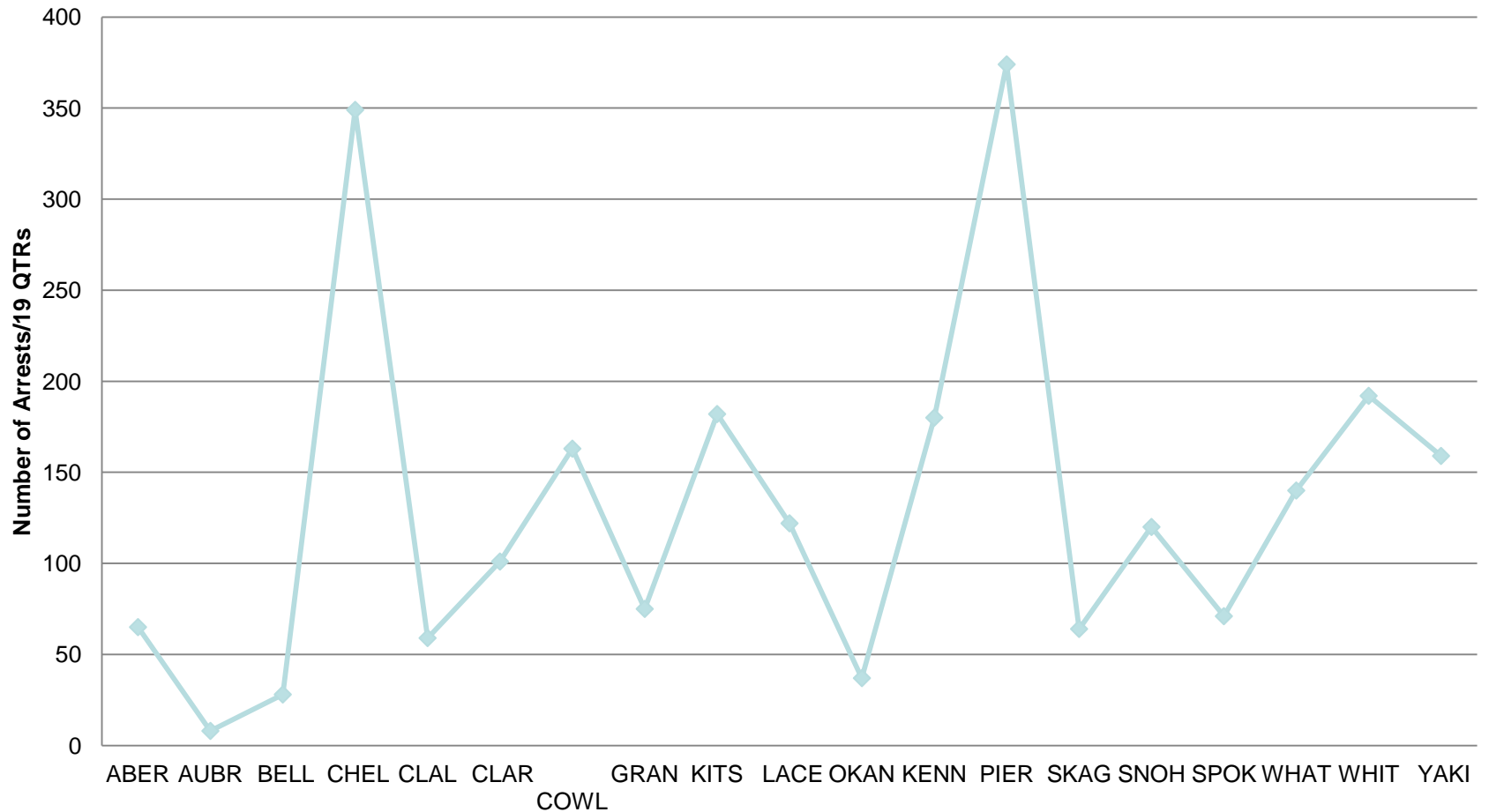
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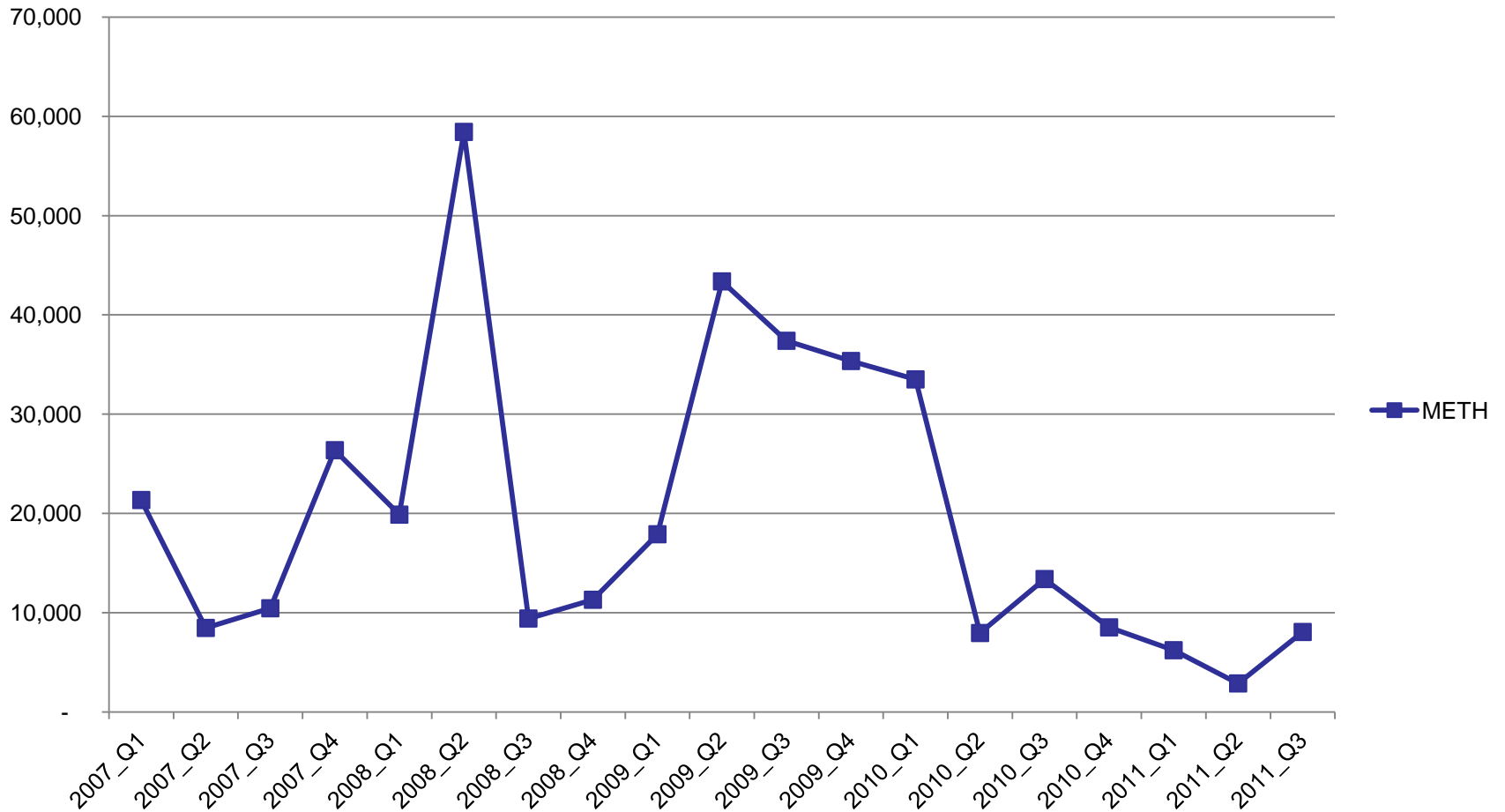
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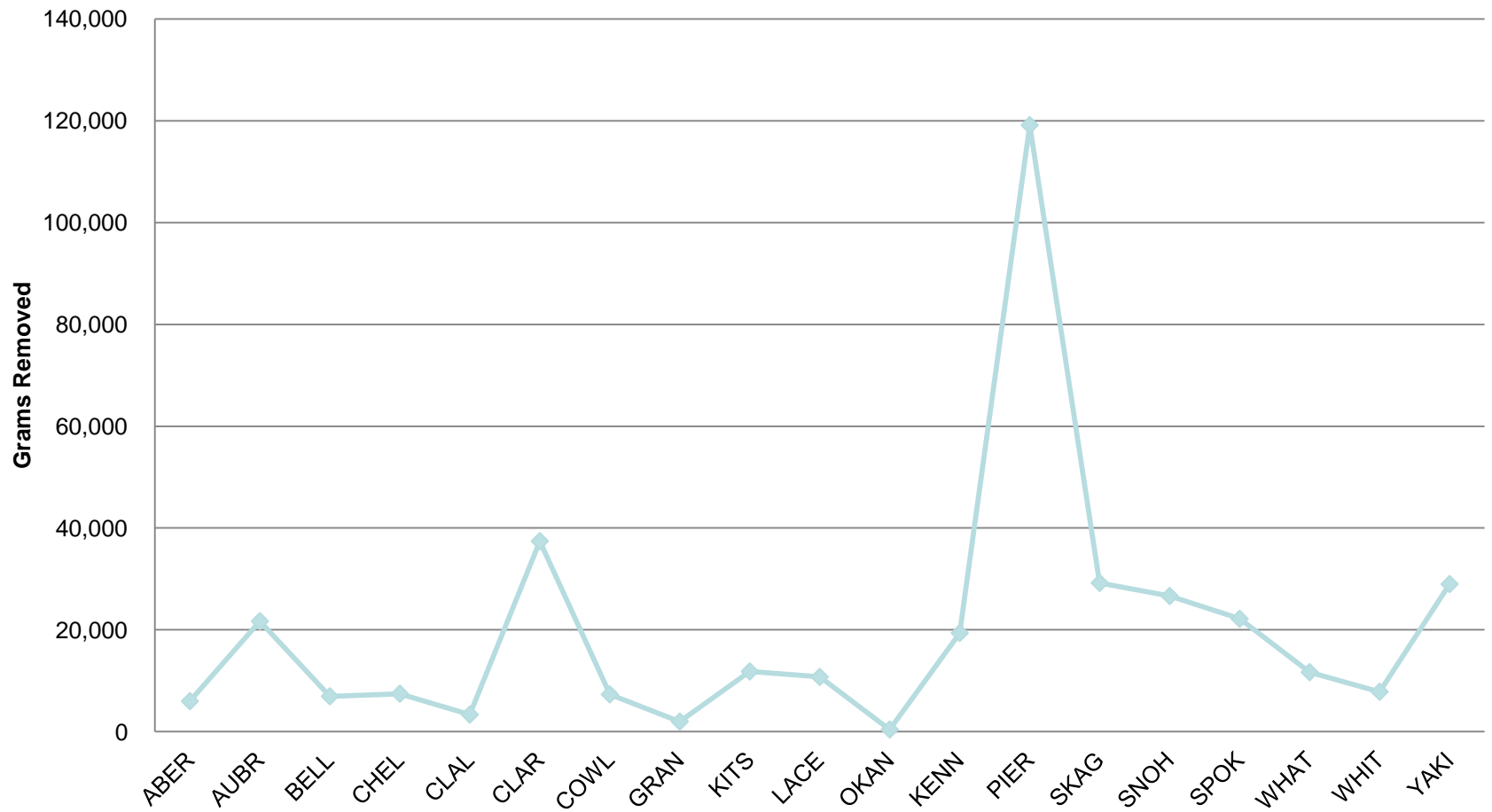
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## Meth Removed

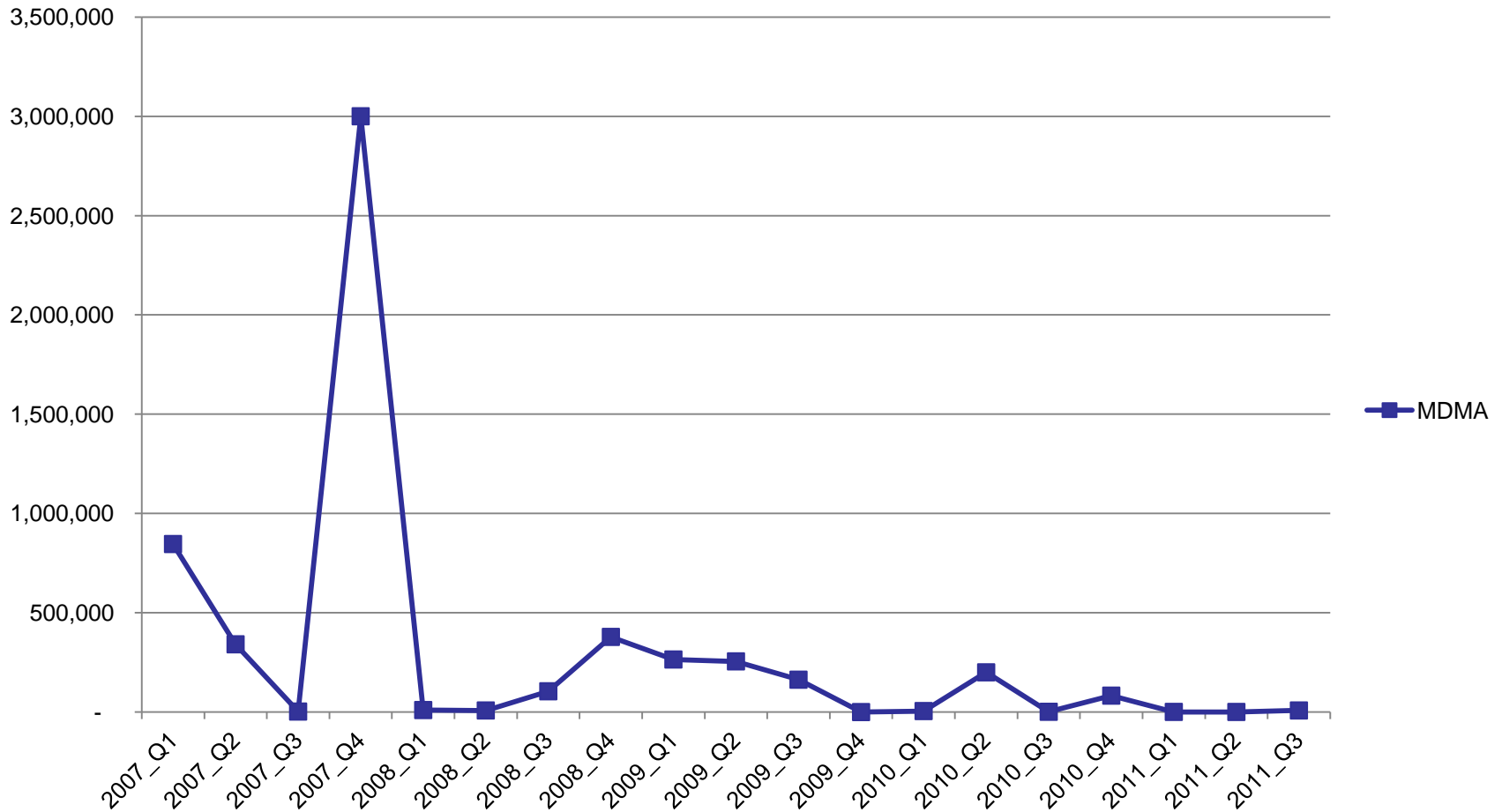
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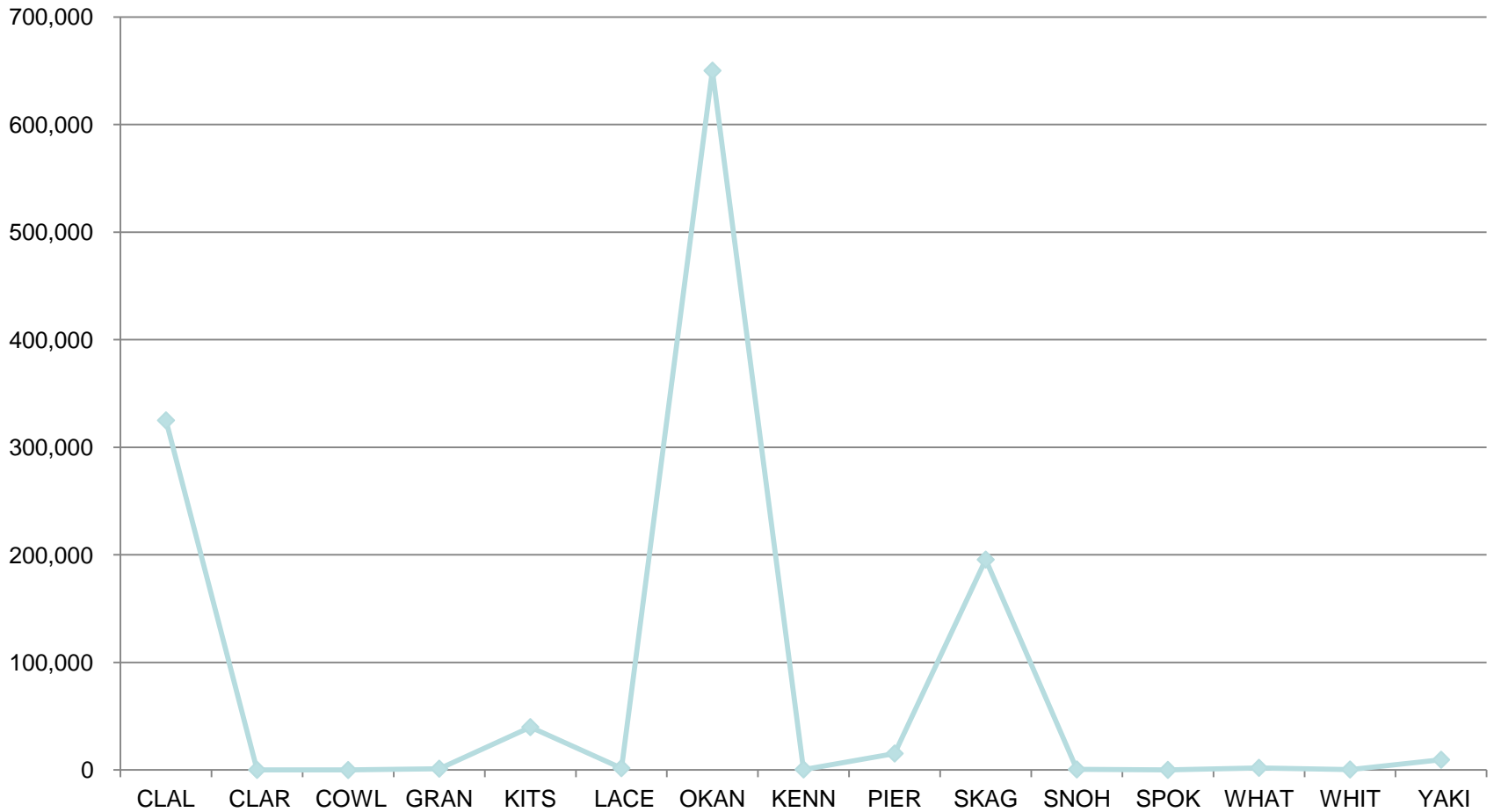
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# Byrne Drug-Gang Task Force MDMA-Ecstasy Removed July 2007 to March 2012

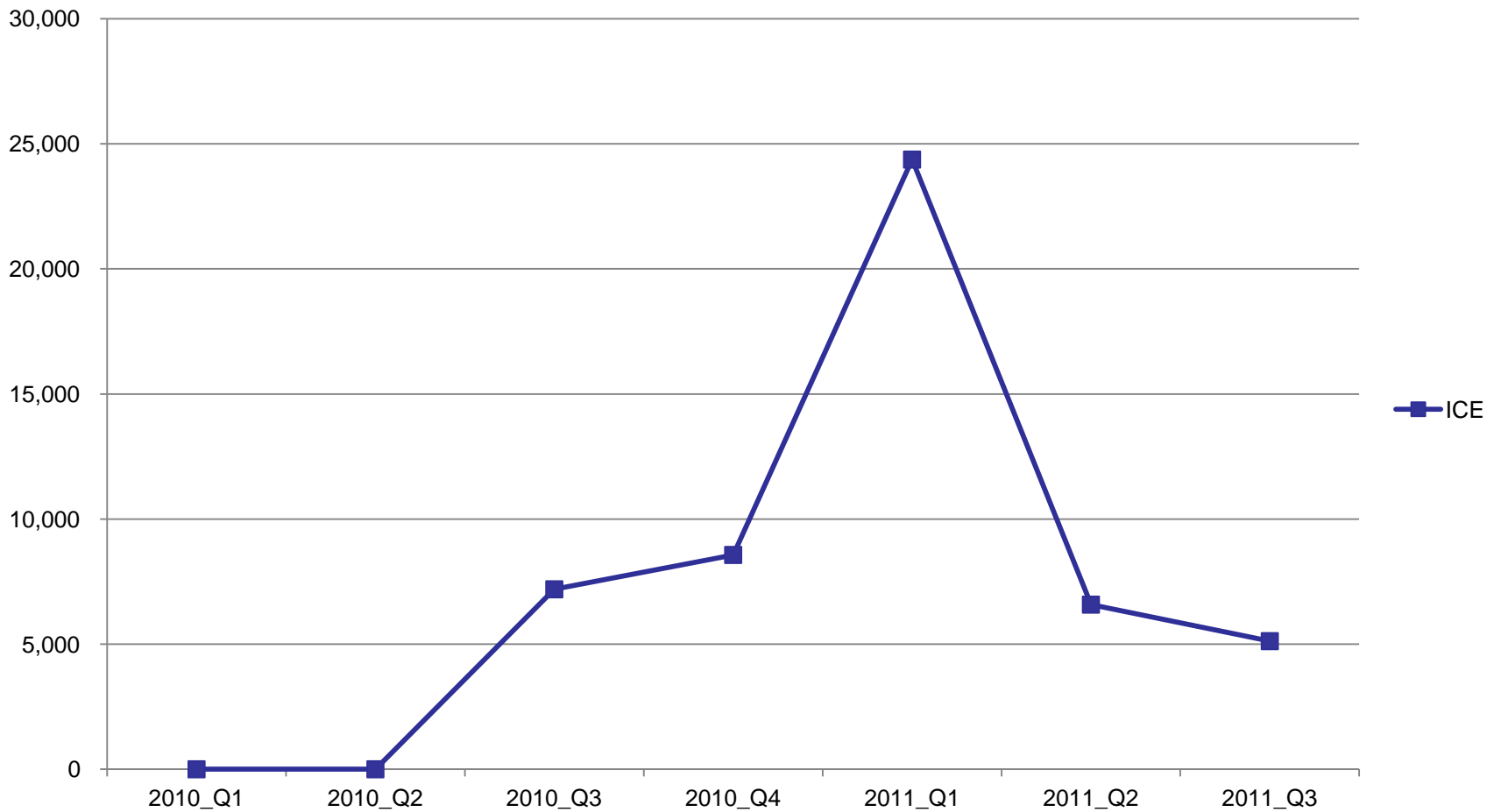


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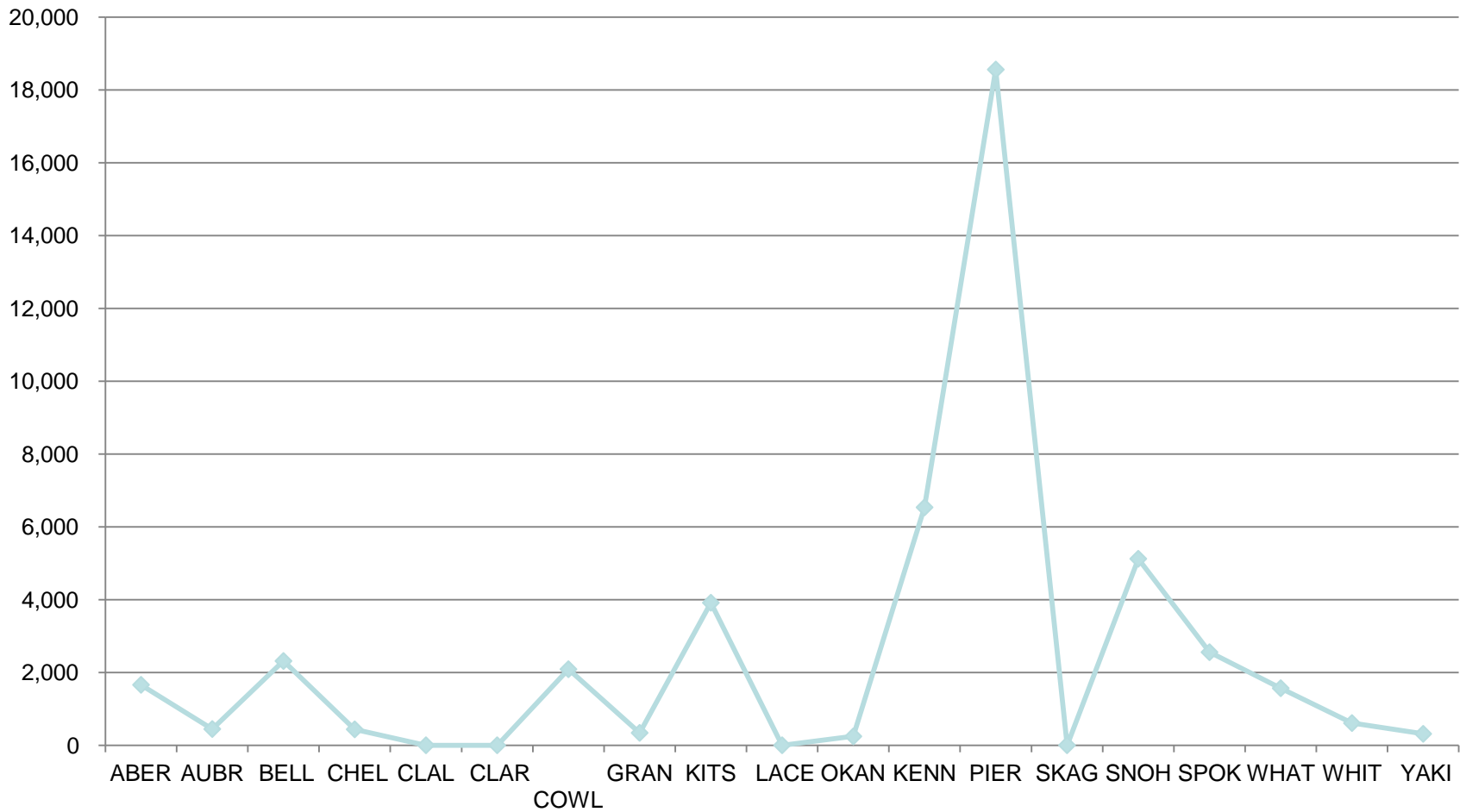




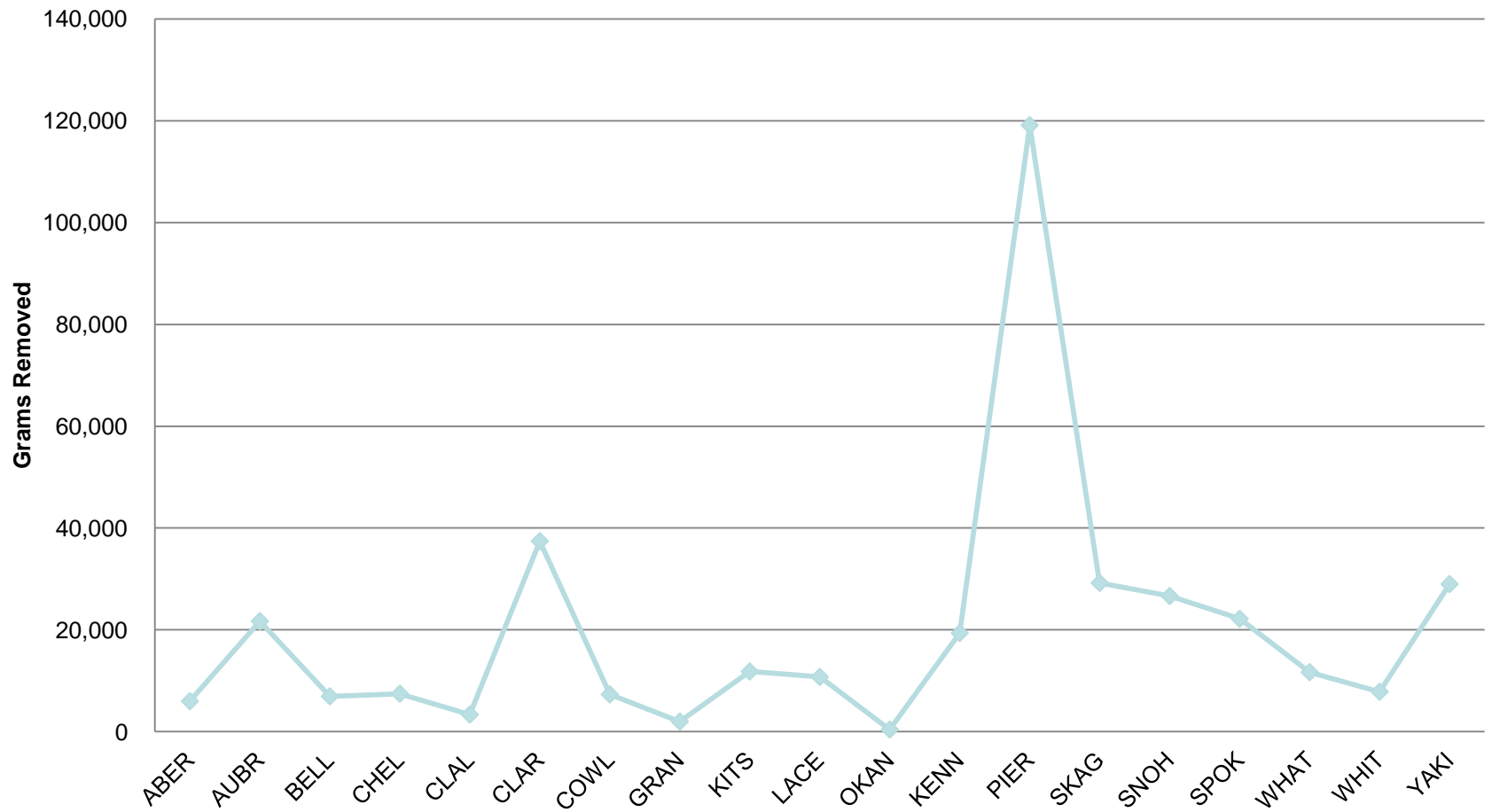
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**Byrne Drug-Gang Task Force  
Crystal Meth Removed  
July 2010 to December 2011**



**Byrne Drug-Gang Task Force  
Meth Removed  
July 2007 to March 2012**



# Five Year Review

Drugs Removed 2007 to 2012			
<b>2007</b>	METH'07	66,658	Grams
<b>2008</b>	METH'08	99,046	Grams
<b>2009</b>	METH'09	134,035	Grams
<b>2010</b>	METH'10	63,384	Grams
<b>2011</b>	METH'11	17,178	Grams

Drugs Removed 2007 to 2012			
<b>2007</b>	Meth (ICE)'07	0	Grams
<b>2008</b>	Meth (ICE)'08	0	Grams
<b>2009</b>	Meth (ICE)'09	0	Grams
<b>2010</b>	Meth (ICE)'10	15,760	Grams
<b>2011</b>	Meth (ICE)'11	36,072	Grams

Drugs Removed 2007 to 2012			
<b>2007</b>	MDMA'07	4,190,270	DUs
<b>2008</b>	MDMA'08	501,059	DUs
<b>2009</b>	MDMA'09	682,858	DUs
<b>2010</b>	MDMA'10	289,275	DUs
<b>2011</b>	MDMA'11	9,402	DUs

# 2011 ADAM II Report

- Methamphetamine continued to be a serious problem in the two Western sites in 2011 (Portland and Sacramento), but did not increase appreciably in the other eight sites.
- Sacramento remained the site with the highest percent of methamphetamine positives, increasing from 31 percent in 2000 to 43 percent in 2011.
- While the portion of Portland arrestees who tested positive dropped from 20 percent in 2007 to 15 and 13 percent in 2008 and 2009, respectively, it increased significantly from those levels in 2011 (23 percent).
- Denver had the next highest number of arrestees testing positive for methamphetamine (6 percent), but 5 of the 10 sites had 1 percent or fewer arrestees testing positive for methamphetamine.
- Few arrestees had acquired methamphetamine in the prior 30 days other than those in Portland, Sacramento, and Denver. In these sites the number of arrestees reporting obtaining methamphetamine was significantly higher in 2011 than was reported in earlier data collections.

# 2011 ADAM II Report

- One of the goals of the renewed ADAM II in 2007 was to determine if the methamphetamine epidemic that plagued the Western states was moving eastward. ADAM II data indicate that this has not happened, at least in the arrestee population in these 10 sites.
- Methamphetamine remains a serious issue in Portland and Sacramento, where 23 percent and 43 percent of arrestees, respectively, in 2011 tested positive for the drug, figures which represent a significant increase over 2009 and 2010. However, the sites with the next highest percent positives were Denver, with only 6 percent, and Minneapolis, with only 3 percent.
- In all other sites, 2 percent or fewer arrestees tested positive for methamphetamine. Not surprisingly, arrestees in Portland and Sacramento described very active methamphetamine markets: users reported making on average from 7 to 11 buys in the previous 30 days, and fewer than half reported having experience difficulty (a failed buy) in the prior month.
- Despite the similarities at these two sites, just 500 miles apart, there were also differences in their users' modes of use. In Portland, 36 percent of methamphetamine users reported that they injected the drug at the most recent use, while only 13 percent of Sacramento users reported injection.